

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 6, 2009 12:00Noon ¡V 2:00 PM

93 Gooding Ave., Suite 3, Bristol, RI 02809

Members Present: Liz Graves, Chairperson (speaker phone); Don Phelps, 1st Vice Chair (speaker phone); Barbara Rozul, Secretary; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice Chair; Mary Wambach, LDA Chairperson.

Staff Present: Camille Pansa, Executive Director; Lisel Rockwood, Program Assistant.

Interpretor: Dona Lombardi

1. Minutes of January 7, 2008: previously sent. A motion was made by Mary Wambach and seconded by Don Phelps to accept the minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously.

2. Review March 2009 calendar: attached. The Friendly¡s Fundraiser is on the 2nd; the March quarterly is on the 27th. All other meetings are on their scheduled days/times.

3. Sponsor Corliss Initiative: Camille Pansa received a letter from the Board President of Corliss stating they have a couple of initiatives but are lacking funds. A motion was made by Liz Graves and seconded by Heidi Showstead to approve a contribution of \$300 for the Sexuality Training Program and \$200 for the Helen Keller Center. Vote passed unanimously with one abstention (Mary Wambach).

4. Collaborative meeting: scheduled prior to the March 27th quarterly

Meeting at 10:30am. Liz Graves and Don Phelps will represent the Council. Ideas for agenda items were: OSCIL and PARI to become a WIPA Network, Cross Disability Coalition Initiative, and the Global Medicare Waiver. It was also suggested that DHS Director, Gary Alexander and Representative Naughton be contacted concerning SILC representation on the Global Medicare Waiver Task Force.

5. Code of Ethics: The Auditor reviewed the SILC's business procedures, internal procedures and the personnel manual and determined that a separate Code of Ethics document was not necessary.

6. Federal Stimulus Package/additional money for CILs/RISILC support: Camille Pansa reported that there will be approximately \$200 million dollars as part of the stimulus package earmarked for the CILs. Council Members were notified to contact their legislatures in support of the additional funds.

7. Initiatives for 2009:

„« Status of Disability History Week/Bill/Curriculum: Mary Wambach reported that she has not heard back from David Sienko. She will follow up on her email.

„« WIPA Workshop: The two hour presentation that WIPA (Work, Initiative, Planning & Assistance) gave at the LDA meeting was very interesting. It was suggested that WIPA be contacted to present at the March quarterly. Another suggestion was that the SILC could host a WIPA workshop. Both suggestions will be discussed at the next LDA Committee meeting.

„« Cross Disability Coalition/Disability Vote project: A suggestion was made at the LDA meeting to introduce this project at the RIDVP convention. In order for Jean Lawlor to present the idea to her board for approval, she needs to know the goals of the group. After much discussion, it was decided that it should go back to the LDA for clarification of the mission and function of the proposed Coalition.

„« Global Waiver/Federal Stimulus Package: There are questions concerning whether RI would receive additional monies for Medicare expenses due to the Global Medicaid Waiver (GMW) if the stimulus package is approved and whether RI would have to opt out of the GMW using the §emergency back out plan.ı”

„« RIPTA/ı”Better Bus Linesı”: The LDA Committee has written a position paper in support of RIPTA, previously sent. It was approved to be sent out with the addition of one sentence. It will be voted upon at the next LDA meeting. Mary Wambach mentioned a letter in the paper concerning the Narragansett tribe and their access to 911 and the state’s criminal database. Don Phelps suggested the SILC contact the Narragansett tribe to try and understand their quest for Sovereign Nation status.

8. Chairperson’s Report: Liz Graves stated that it was important for Council Members to respond to emails and other requests to show support by contacting their representatives.

9. Executive Director Report: no additional comments.

10. Financial Report: previously sent. Barbara Rozul stated that she was not an

attendee at the last Finance Committee meeting on January

16th, 2009 as

reflected on the minutes. The minutes will be corrected.

**11. Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee Report:
previously sent.**

12. Old Business/New Business/Incoming Mail:

A motion was made by Mary Wambach and seconded by Liz Graves to renew the yearly Volunteer Center of RI membership for \$150.00. Vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Phelps and seconded by Mary Wambach to approve the cost of \$119 for Camille Pansa to attend a seminar in Providence on March 20th called "Mistake Free Grammar and Proof Reading". Vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rozul

Secretary